THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The transfer and posting of officers of AGMU cadre of IAS and IPS is regulated in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Joint Cadre Authority constituted by the Government for the purpose. In accordance with these guidelines, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands and Daman & Diu / Dadra & Nagar Haveli have been categorized as "hard" areas for the purpose of posting in the Cadre. These guidelines further provide that a member of the Cadre shall normally spend a tenure in a "hard" area during the first 14 years of service after completion of probation and another tenure during the following 10 years. It is not, therefore, under these guidelines, mandatory for every officer of the Cadre to spend a tenure in the North-Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram so long as he spends a tenure in any other constituent-segment categorized as "hard" area. However, the transfers/postings are decided in a manner to ensure that the services of adequate number of officers are placed at the disposal of the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram also.

Pak intruders in J&K

1833. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 200 Pak army regulars who entered the J&K valley as fake militants had surrendered on orders from their ISI bosses and thereafter these rehabilitated militants fled to Pakistan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with the withdrawal of 58 army battalions, the security in the valley has seriously weakened; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to tackle both the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined

and monitored by the State Government in consultation with the Unified Headquarters in Jammu and in Operation Groups at various levels to ensure that appropriate and dynamic security force deployments and tactics are adopted to meet the ground level requirements of fighting the terrorists.

Request of Tripura for additional para-military forces

1834. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tripura has urged the Central Government to send additional para-military forces to the State to intensify counter-insurgency operations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No; Sir. However, the deployment of Central Para Military Forces depends upon the over all security scenario and the availability of these forces. Keeping in view these factors, Central Para Military Forces have been made available to the Government of Tripura to the extent possible.

CBI raids on the residence of officials of CPWD, DDA and DVB

† 1835. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has raided the residences of the officials of CPWD, DDA, Delhi Vidyut Board on 22nd February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the money and property seized in the raids; and

(c) the details of the legal action taken against all those officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The CBI searched the premises of some officers of CPWD

† Original notice of the question wis received in Hindi.